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Dear Sirs

**Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(6)**

I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 13 to 24 and a copy of the citations.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 10 March 2004.

Yours faithfully

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### Documents considered to be relevant:

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A		US2003211665 A (BAO) paras 8, 12
A		US5388328 A (HITACHI)

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X	1, 12	WO03010837 A (DEKKER) fig 1, page 2 lines 10-28
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A		US2002000614 A (HANYU COLOURED CRYSTAL)

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